

## **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2017, THE SENATE CHAMBER,  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

- Present: Mr Robin Swann MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Robbie Butler MLA  
Mr Trevor Clarke MLA  
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Declan Kearney MLA  
Ms Carla Lockhart MLA  
Mr Trevor Lunn MLA
- Apologies: Mrs Michelle Gildernew MLA  
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
- In Attendance: Ms Lucia Wilson, Assembly Clerk  
Ms Elaine Farrell, Assistant Assembly Clerk  
Ms Karen Barry, Clerical Supervisor  
Mr Darren Weir, Clerical Officer

*2.04 p.m. The meeting began in Open Session.*

Ms Lockhart declared an interest that a family member is a recipient of the Non-domestic RHI Scheme.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the clerk would contact those Members not present at the meeting today to seek any declaration of interests they may have in relation to the Non-domestic RHI Scheme.

#### **1. Apologies**

Above.

#### **2. Chairperson's business**

None.

### **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2017**

*Agreed:* The draft minutes of the meeting on 18 January were agreed.

### **4. Matters arising**

None

### **5. Correspondence**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the MOR update from the Department for the Communities on the report on the Governance of Land and Property in the NIHE.

### **6. Inquiry into Non-domestic RHI Scheme**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that all evidence gathered during its inquiry into the RHI Scheme should be made available to the public inquiry.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the correspondence dated 25 January 2017 from the Department on issues raised at the meeting on 18 January 2017.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to move into Closed Session

*2.12 p.m. The meeting moved into Closed Session.*

The following NIAO officials joined the meeting at 2.12 p.m.

Mr Kieran Donnelly, Comptroller and Auditor General

Mr Tomás Wilkinson, Director

Mr Brian O'Neill, Audit Manager

Ms Kerry Harkin, Assembly Liaison Officer

The officials briefed the Committee and this was followed by a question and answer session.

*2.45 p.m. Mr Clarke left the meeting.*

### **7. Any Other Business**

The Chairperson reminded Members to return their tablets and chargers to the IS Office before the Assembly dissolves.

### **8. Date, time and place of next meeting**

There will be no further meetings of the Public Accounts Committee until the new mandate.

*The meeting adjourned at 2.49 p.m.*

**Mr Robin Swann (Chairperson)**  
**Public Accounts Committee**